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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (HOLBROOKE, RICHARD C.)

SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE'S VISIT TO SINGAPORE

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM MFA INVITING YOU AND MRS. HOLBROOKE TO STAY AT THE ISTANA VILLA AS A GUEST OF THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY, I RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM PROTOCOL EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO YOU TO ATTEND A STAG "WORKING DINNER" AT THE ISTANA THE EVENING OF APRIL 16 AT APPROXIMATELY 19:45 HOURS.

2. PROTOCOL OFFICER ADVISED ME THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD INITIALLY CONSIDERED HAVING A "SOCIAL DINNER" WHICH WOULD HAVE INCLUDED WIVES, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED TO HAVE STAG WORKING DINNER. I BELIEVE PRIME MINISTER CHANGED HIS MIND AFTER HE RECEIVED AMBASSADOR COOMARASWAMY'S REPORT OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH YOU OF APRIL 7 IN WHICH YOU EXPRESSED YOUR INTEREST IN EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH LEE ON THE U.S. POSITION IN POST-VIETNAM ASIA (STATE 078588).

3. I HAVE ACCEPTED BOTH OF THESE INVITATIONS ON YOUR BEHALF. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER MRS. HOLBROOKE WOULD
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PREFER TO JOIN MY WIFE, JO, AND A FEW OTHER LADIES AT A SMALL QUIET DINNER AT DCM RESIDENCE, SOAK UP SOME LOCAL COLOR AND SAMPLE SOME OF THE LOCAL CUISINE IN DOWNTOWN SINGAPORE OR PURSUE SOME ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITY.

4. SINCE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE ANY DISCUSSION AT THE ISTANA VILLA UNDER SECURE CONDITIONS, I PROPOSE

UPON YOUR ARRIVAL THAT WE GO DIRECTLY TO THE EMBASSY
FOR BRIEF REVIEW OF ANY LATE DEVELOPMENTS AND DISCUSSION
OF ANY ISSUES LEE IS LIKELY TO RAISE AT WORKING DINNER.
WE WOULD THEN PROCEED TO THE ISTANA VILLA WHICH IS ONLY
A TEN MINUTE DRIVE FROM EMBASSY. MEANWHILE, MY WIFE
WOULD ACCOMPANY MRS. HOLBROOKE DIRECTLY TO THE ISTANA VILLA.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION WHETHER ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS

ARE ACCEPTABLE AS WELL AS ADVISE CONCERNING SPECIFIC DESIRES
OF MRS. HOLBROOKE.
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